



Proclamation

Asthma is a chronic lung disease that affects approximately 20 million people in the United States. According to the State of Hawai'i's Department of Health, more than 100,000 people in Hawai'i suffer from this disorder.

Hawai'i's high incidence of asthma is due largely to the allergic triggers that exist throughout the year, and poses a significant and costly health issue.

Asthma is Hawai'i's number one cause of visits to the emergency room, hospitalization and school absences for children ages five through twelve. The asthma rate for our youngsters is one of the highest in the nation. Therefore, local outreach education efforts are being focused on our keiki.

Straub Clinic & Hospital, an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, has organized a Keiki Asthma Fair tent in conjunction with Kids Fest on Sunday, October 22, 2006 at the Bishop Museum. This fair will provide children who suffer from this disorder and their parents / guardians with the important information they need to control their asthma.

Program chair Jeffrey C. Kam, M.D., Chief, Department of Asthma/Allergy of Straub Clinic & Hospital has assembled a team of community health professionals to staff interactive asthma games and answer questions regarding childhood asthma at this event.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2006, as

KEIKI ASTHMA FAIR DAY

in Hawai'i, and thank Straub Clinic & Hospital for their dedicated efforts to educate the community about asthma in order for children who suffer from the disease and their families to take a more active role in managing this condition.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of October 2006.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i